

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A hot-press cushioning material comprises a non-woven fabric made
of a fiber web (4). The fiber web (4) comprises a first fiber (4a) containing a
first component having a relatively low softening temperature as a main
constituent, and a second fiber (4b) containing a second component having a
relatively high softening temperature as a main constituent. The
non-woven fabric is compressed at a temperature which is not lower than
the softening temperature of the first component but lower than the
10 softening temperature of the second component.